

Fruit and Vegetable Pilot

On Sept. 26, 2002--Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the award of \$6 million to improve fruit and vegetable consumption among the nation's school children. A total of 100 schools, representing a diverse mix of schools in both rural and urban settings, in Indiana, Iowa, Ohio and Michigan and six schools in the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico will receive funds.

The 2002 Farm Bill provided funding for the pilot programs to study how increased consumption of fruits and vegetables affect other eating behaviors such as snack choices and participation in school meal programs.

Over 800 schools applied to participate in the pilots for the remainder of the school year. Through a variety of methods, such as free standing kiosks, snacks in the classroom, a "grab and go" option for children before or after school and snacks in after school care programs, fresh and dried fruits as well as fresh vegetables will be available throughout the school day. USDA's Economic Research Service is providing the evaluation of the pilot and will submit a report to Congress in May 2003.

Attached are the lists of schools, in Michigan, selected for the Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Program. The lists contain each school's name, the town/city in which it is located, and enrollment. The funding available for the pilot program will be distributed based on enrollment. The exact amount each school will receive has not yet been determined.

School Name	City	Enrollment
Linden High School	Linden	856
Everett High School	Lansing	1,717
West Bloomfield High School	West Bloomfield	1876
Whittier Middle School	Flint	987
Lakeview High School	Battle Creek	1,081
Allen Park Middle School	Allen Park	847
O.E. Dunckel Middle School	Farmington Hills	714
Linden Middle School	Linden	700
Brown City High School	Brown City	547
Lakeview Middle School	Battle Creek	557
Redford Union High School	Redford	1,249
Marlette Middle School	Marlette	523
Henry H. North Elementary	Lansing	497
Pine Knob Elementary School	Clarkston	465
Lincoln Heights Elementary School	Greenville	463
Alcona Elementary School	Lincoln	445
Washington Middle School	Calumet	410
Yeshiva Beth Yehudah School	Southfield	391
Lincoln Elementary School	South Haven	377
Dolsen Elementary School	New Hudson	365
Jefferson Elementary School	Redford	344
Carman Park School	Flint	342
Cory Elementary School	Romulus	332
Francis Reh Public School Academy	Saginaw	316
Sunset Elementary School	Alpena	207
Subtotal for Michigan:		16,036